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HUNDRED PERISH IN THEATER FIRE

Awful Catastrophe in Burning of Crowded Opera-House at Boyertown, Pa.

BODIES OF VICTIMS COMPLETELY CONSUMED

Flames Started From Explosion of Oil Tank; Panic Cut Off Hope of Escape.

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 13.—Nearly one hundred persons of this borough were killed in a theater fire and panic tonight, and nearly three score injured, many of them fatally. A majority of the killed were members of the leading families of the town.

Partial List of Dead.

The list of dead, so far as known, follows:
MRS. FRANK CULLEN.
LULIE FOGLEY.
MRS. DANIEL GABEL.
DANIEL KRAMER.
MRS. DANIEL KRAMER.
LILLIE KRAMER.
FRED GODSCHALL.
MRS. FRED GODSCHALL.
HERBERT GODSCHALL.
EILEEN GODSCHALL.
ELISHA REINERT.
HARRY TOMS.
MRS. HARRY REINHARDT.
MRS. GEORGE ROMIG.
BLANCHE BOHRL.
MABEL GRAFF.
MRS. J. I. BECKER.
THREE CHILDREN of Mrs. Becker.
MABEL HOEHL.
LOTTIE TRADER.
JOHN RADER.
CHARLES LEHYER.
DANIEL KRAUSE.
MORRIS ANDERSON.
JAMES ANDERSON.
MRS. JAMES ANDERSON.
TWO CHILDREN of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.
MRS. CARRIE WEAND.
FRANKLIN G. LEIDY.
A. FOREMAN.
CHARLES LOVERY.
JENNIE KONYNE KUNZ.
MISS MARY TABOR.
HARRY FOREMAN.
MRS. HARRY FOREMAN.
TWO CHILDREN of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman.
DAUGHTER of Amos Engle.
CLARA HALTMAN.
MAY BALMAN (all of Boyertown).
MRS. EPHRAIM JOHNSON.
MISS JOHNSON, a daughter.
MISS ANNE HALTMAN.
WIFE of Dr. FRANCIS.
FRANK BOYER.
WILLIAM BOYER.
E. H. BOYER.
ANNA DORR.
ANNA BAUMAN.
HERBERT JOHNSON.
MRS. HERBERT JOHNSON.
DAUGHTER of William Boyer (all of New Berlinville).
MRS. REUBEN HOFFMAN.
OSCAR H. MENYER.
MISS LIZZIE ZEIGLER.
MARY BONICH (all of Gilbertsville).

While the "Scottish Reformation" was being reproduced in Rhoades's opera house by Mrs. Monroe of Washington, a tank used in a moving picture scene exploded. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits of the building. Men of the theater were endeavoring to still the panic, but their voices could not be heard above the shrieks and screams of the terrified women and children who composed the greater part of the audience.
It seemed as though nearly the entire audience made a mad rush for the exits the moment the explosion occurred.

Covered With Burning Oil.
In their attempt to quiet the great crowd, those persons who were on the stage accidentally upset the coal oil lamps used at the footlights. The burning oil scattered in all directions and the lamps which were used to light the opera house exploded, throwing the blazing oil over the terror-stricken people who were fighting frantically to gain the exits. In the mad rush a section of the floor gave way, precipitating scores of persons to the basement.
It was scarcely five minutes from the time of the explosion of the tanks until the entire heart of the structure seemed a roaring furnace. There was a scramble to the stairways, and scores of women and children were knocked down and trampled upon, many of them doubtless being crushed to death.

Helpless in Awful Crush.
In the meantime a relief corps was at work at the entrance to the theater, endeavoring to release those who were wedged in the doorway and unable to extricate themselves. Many persons who otherwise might have made good their escape from the furnace were held in check by the awful jam at the doors. As the flames cut their way toward the front of the building, women could be seen to clasp their hands and fall back into the flames. Once the doorways were cleared, the rescuers dragged many women and children from the stairways leading to the balcony. Some of them were so badly injured that they died before reaching a temporary hospital. Skulls were crushed and the faces of some of the victims were so horribly mutilated that they were barely recognizable.

To add to the terrible disaster, the fire apparatus became disabled and the structure was left entirely to the mercy of the flames. It is almost certain that at least a hundred of the unfortunates who were overcome by the smoke and perished will ever be found. Assistance was asked from Boyertown, but before the fire apparatus from that city reached this place

LATE BOND ISSUE STIRS UP SENATE

Tillman Points Out Discrimination Against Individuals Whose Bids Were High.

ASKS SECRETARY OF TREASURY TO EXPLAIN

Adduces Evidence to Show That New York Banks Were Favored Ones.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—After a short discussion in the Senate concerning the recent bond issue of the Treasury Department, it was agreed before taking up the question in detail to await a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, which Senator Aldrich assured the Senators would be before them on next Thursday. Mr. Clay of Georgia asked whether the Secretary would be required to make a report of these facts by law. Mr. Aldrich replied that he believed he was so required, but there was no provision of law stipulating how the report should be made.

Mr. Culberson insisted that the duty of the Secretary under the law was to make such a statement on or before January 1, for the preceding year, concerning deposits of public money. He said he had not seen any such statement.

Tillman Seeks Information.

Mr. Tillman referred to two resolutions by him which had remained on the calendar since December 9 calling for information concerning clearing-house certificates and the bond issues and said he thought it would be best to let them go to the committee on Finance without attempting to pass them without reference to that committee. He said he wished to have some correspondence on this subject before the committee and read from the Vice-President's desk a letter from George H. Kloebers of Wilmington, Del., stating that he had had an average of 104 1/2 for \$10,000 of Panama bonds and had not been awarded any of them, although they had sold for 102 1/2.

Mr. Tillman wanted to know how it happened that the bonds had been sold to the banks at a lower price and denied to citizens who bid higher for them.

He also read a letter from Assistant Secretary J. Edwards of the Treasury Department to Mr. Kloebers, as follows:

"In reply to your inquiry of the 11th inst., you are informed that individual bidders whose bids were greater than \$10,000 were not allowed any bonds."

New York Banks Favored.

He also read another letter from a correspondent in Augusta, Ga., who wanted to know how it had happened that the Secretary places "vast currency in New York banks" to relieve the financial stringency, while these banks charge 1 1/2 per cent premium on this money to southern banks. "The stringency seems to be a source of profit to some one," Mr. Tillman's correspondent added.

Mr. Bailey of Texas wanted to know whether Mr. Tillman's Delaware correspondent was the man who had instituted a suit against the Secretary of the Treasury in the matter of the award of these bonds.

Mr. Tillman did not know whether the injunction suit had been brought by this correspondent.

"As some courts have been so glad to issue injunctions," said Mr. Bailey, "I think they would be glad of an opportunity in this case. I think this course on the part of the Secretary all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the purpose was to attract the money that was in hiding. They might attract it from places where citizens had it, but not from the banks. A part of the understanding under which these bonds were issued was that 90 per cent of the money received from their sale would be left on deposit with the banks."

High Rate of Interest.
"If that be true," he declared, "the banks received from the Government bonds at the rate of 30 per cent per annum."

Continuing, Mr. Bailey added: "The Government sold these bonds at 102 1/2 and deposited in the banks 90 per cent of the purchase price, so that the \$10 on each bond actually drew interest at the rate of 30 per cent per annum. It was not intended that this money should be used for the Panama canal, but it was to relieve the financial pressure. Under that plan, with that profession on his lips, the Secretary seems to have declined the money which individual citizens were willing to take from their trunks or other places of hiding and turned the bonds over to the banks at 30 per cent per annum."

Mr. Tillman remarked that he would wait for the Secretary's reply.

Mr. Tillman's resolutions were referred to the committee on Finance.

Secretary Cortelyou's response to the Senate inquiry.

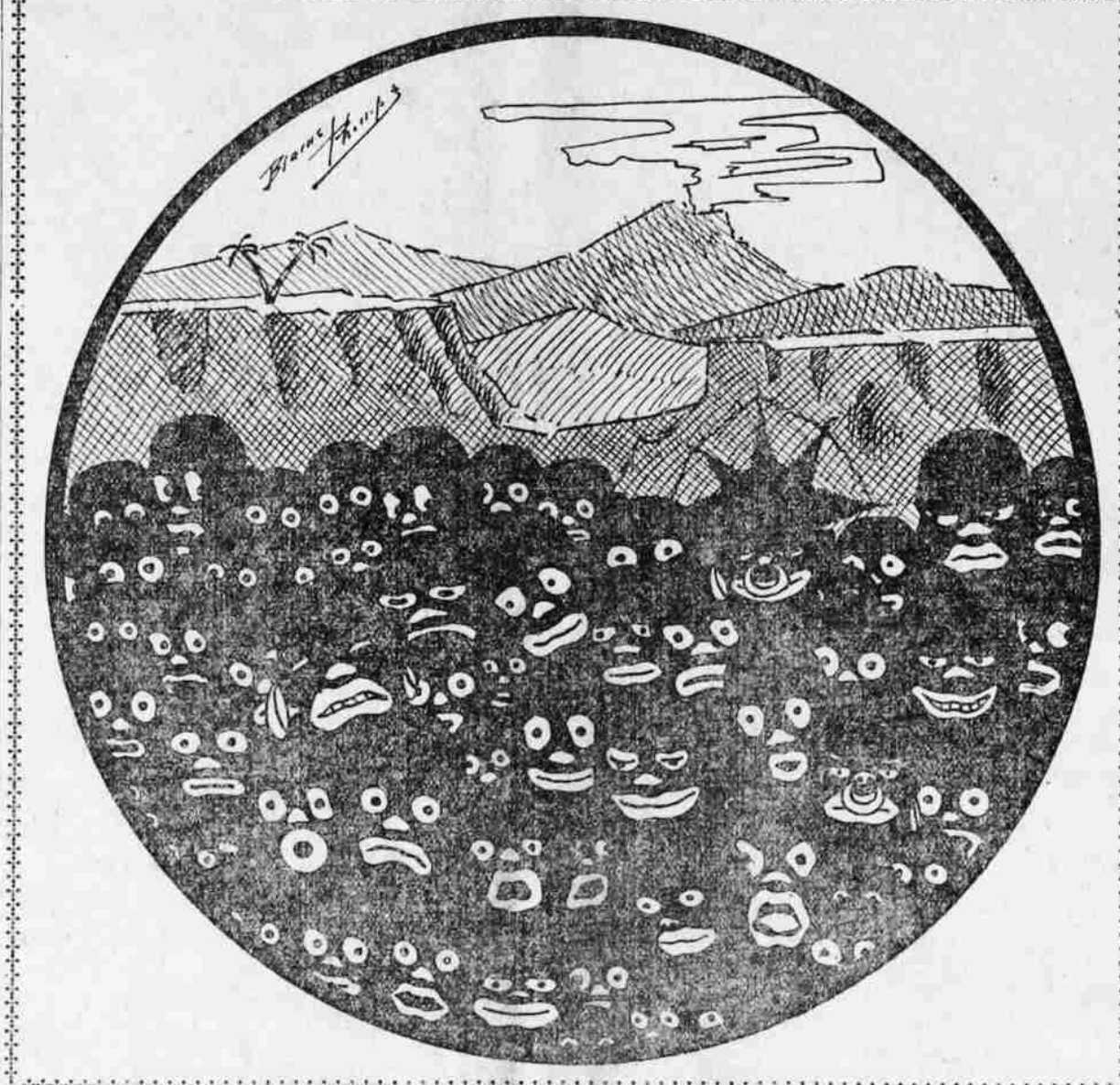
UNION PACIFIC WILL
RETAIN ITS FLAGMEN

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 13.—Vice-President and General Manager Mohler of the Union Pacific railroad, who is in Denver today, denied the report that the Union Pacific Railroad company had considered the advisability of removing its flagmen. "Until other systems of protection can be safely substituted, the flagmen will not be discontinued," he said.

New Goldfield Bank.
Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The First National bank of Goldfield, Nev., capital \$250,000, was authorized to commence business by the Comptroller of the Currency today. The organizers are J. L. Marsh, H. L. Patrick, George B. Hollister, T. G. Lockhart and Frank Golden.

ADMIRAL EVANS SCANS BRAZILIAN COASTLINE THROUGH A SPYGLASS



ZION CAPITALISTS IN BIG SYNDICATE

Backed by \$7,000,000, Will Try to Build Great Los Angeles Aqueduct

ENDEAVOR TO SECURE ENORMOUS CONTRACT

David Keith, P. J. Moran, Ezra Thompson and Others in Gigantic Deal.

Special to The Tribune.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—A strong syndicate of Salt Lake capitalists, backed by such men as P. J. Moran, Ezra Thompson, David Keith, J. C. Lynch, Fred Knox, G. S. Holmes and others, will make an effort to secure the contract for the entire construction work, exclusive of grading and tunneling, of the Los Angeles aqueduct that will bring the waters of the Owens river to Los Angeles.

This syndicate is said to be backed by \$7,000,000 capital and the proposed bid will be for the cement construction of the aqueduct proper over its entire length from the intake at Owens river to the point where the waters will be delivered into the reservoir above the city. Mr. Keith, who is one of the wealthiest men in Salt Lake, and Mr. Holmes are already in the city. Mr. Keith is staying at present with his family at Ocean Park, and Mr. Holmes is at the Angelus, awaiting the arrival of Mr. Moran and other members of the syndicate.

The Los Angeles aqueduct committee has no decision as to the bids for the entire work will be called or whether the contract will be let in sections. The grading and tunnel work probably will be done under the direct supervision of the commissioners themselves.

WALKS TO SCAFFOLD
SMOKING CIGARETTE

DEMING, N. M., Jan. 13.—Martin Amador was hanged in the county jail here today for the murder of Concepcion Mendoza, with whom he was in love. He went to his doom without the least evidence of fear, smoking a cigarette until the sheriff was ready to adjust the black cap. Magdalen Saboliz, who was to have been hanged at the same time as Amador for killing a child in an attempt to shoot the man he thought had won his sweetheart, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Killed in Runaway.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 13.—While Herbert Parnum of Hollywood was driving near this morning a white tree broke over the dashboard. Death was instantaneous. He was married last New Year's day to Miss Hattie Turner.

Vischer Gives Bond.

OMAHA, Jan. 13.—Colonel Will Vischer of Chicago, well known writer and humorist, who shot Police Officer Dillon Saturday night, was this morning released on bonds of \$10,000 signed by Victor Rosewater, editor of the Bee.

Former Senator Wilson Ill.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 13.—A special to the News says former Senator John L. Wilson is seriously ill at Seattle and will leave for Baltimore the latter part of the week for an operation by a specialist.

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COURT IS MERCIFUL TO GUILTY MINISTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Rev. Canon William S. Chase, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Brooklyn, was today found guilty of contempt of court by Justice Marston of the New York State Supreme Court. The Justice pronounced that in view of the fact that the accused was a rector, and as the court had no desire to humiliate him, sentence would be suspended.

Canon Chase was summoned before the court because of the publication of an interview with him in which he questioned the legality of an injunction granted by the Justice restraining the Brooklyn police from illegally interfering with the operation of this moving picture show on Sunday.

Massacred by Yaquis.

VISALIA, Cal., Jan. 13.—Word of the tragic death of Mark Perkins, a prominent mine owner of Mexico, and former resident of this city, was received today by the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Perkins of Visalia. On January 2 last Perkins and nine Mexicans were ambushed by Yaquis near the city of Sonora, Mexico, and massacred, but one Mexican escaping. Other particulars have not been received.

One Blow for Monopoly.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 13.—An executive decree issued today annuls the existing match monopoly and puts an end to the concession of the National Match company. This company was capitalized at \$1,000,000 and the shares were held mostly in England.

SULLIVAN WEARING PRISON TROUSERS

When Disrobed at Portland He Displays Striped Nether Garment.

POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY SALT LAKE OFFICERS

Prisoner Will Be Brought Here Immediately to Face Murder Charge.

Special to The Tribune.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—His photograph being recognized in Salt Lake City last Saturday as being that of the supposed murderer of Charles S. Ford, a policeman, in that city, the identification of Thomas Howard, at the city jail, was made complete this morning by two Salt Lake detectives, who arrived with extradition papers to accompany the prisoner to the Utah capital.

Detectives Shannon and Chase scanned Howard, who was arrested about ten days ago by Patrolman Anderson, and unhesitatingly pronounced him to be Joseph Sullivan, the suspected murderer of the Salt Lake policeman. They were also in quest of him for a holdup perpetrated a few days after the murder just outside of Salt Lake City. Sullivan refused to answer questions propounded by the detectives and still denies his guilt. The detectives Shannon and Chase will leave for Salt Lake City with the prisoner tomorrow.

When stripped for further identification this morning Sullivan was found to be dressed in a pair of convict's trousers, in which he was clad in the Utah penitentiary.

Two pieces of glass and a coil of wire were found by the jailer tonight under Joseph Sullivan's hat band. Sullivan has led the officers to believe that the prisoner intended either to pick the lock of his handcuffs, or failing in this, to rip open an artery and commit suicide if escape was impossible. Sullivan will be closely guarded. At the local police station word is given out that the Salt Lake detectives will return with their prisoner day after tomorrow.

CHIEF PITT HEARS FROM
DETECTIVES AT PORTLAND.

Chief of Police Pitt, about 5 o'clock Monday morning, received a telegram from Detective Shannon saying that he and Detective Chase arrived in Portland about 9 o'clock in the morning and immediately visited the Portland jail, where Sullivan was confined, and positively identified him. The message was brief and did not say when the detectives will leave Portland for Salt Lake with the alleged murderer, but it was gratifying.

The detectives should have reached Portland several hours before but were delayed by a washout near Huntington, Ore., on the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's line. If they get the requisition paper signed without delay and leave Portland early this morning, they should arrive here with

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ROASTS JUDGES OF DISTRICT COURTS

Attorney W. L. Riter Delivers Strong Address Before Bar Association.

WILLIAMS WANTS TO
ELIMINATE POLITICS

Judge Frick Defends Position of Board of Pardons; an Enjoyable Banquet.

FEATURES OF MEETING.

W. L. Riter charges Judges of the District courts of Utah with gross negligence and blunders and bitterly condemns alleged dilatory methods in conducting the business of their courts.
Wilson I. Snyder, newly elected president of the association, takes exception to Mr. Riter's remarks during the banquet Monday evening. He declares attorneys should not so criticize the State judiciary.
Association elects new officers.
Sixty-five attorneys attend the convention.
Attorneys to adopt code of ethics.
Justice Frick of Supreme Court denounces criticism of recent actions of Board of Pardons.
Sixteen new members elected.

The opening session of the annual meeting of the Utah State Bar association held in the Federal courtroom at the Federal building at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon was one of the most interesting and important ever held by the association.

A vehement denunciation of the dilatory methods employed in transacting the business of the District courts of this State by W. L. Riter proved the feature of the afternoon. Mr. Riter handled his subject without gloves and hotly condemned the practices of the four Judges of the District court in allowing the business of their courts to fall far behind the court calendars. The entire list of abuses with which the lawyers of the State have had to put up with for years past was reviewed in the majority of these pointed out. Mr. Riter's address was as severe an arraignment of the district Judges of this State as has ever been made of that body of men. At the close of his talk Mr. Riter was loudly applauded. His speech created a decided sensation, so thorough was his exposure of the conditions existing in the District courts of this State at the present time, so candidly were they criticized and emphatically condemned.

Snyder Elected President.

Parley L. Williams, president of the association, was in the chair. About sixty-five members were in attendance when the meeting was called to order. President Williams delivered his address on a code of professional ethics. Justice Frick of the Supreme Court of the State in a short talk dealing with the work of the board of pardons in Utah. Mr. Riter's address followed Judge Frick's talk.

W. I. Snyder was elected president of the association for the coming year, the choice being unanimous. William D. Riter was elected secretary and William D. Riter was elected treasurer. The following were elected to the executive council of the association: Waldemar Van Cott, chairman; R. W. Young, Frank K. Nebeker, George Halverson and H. J. Dinianny. The new committee on grievances consists of Messrs. Lee, Critchlow and Hoyle.

President Snyder was instructed to appoint a committee of three from the association to co-operate with the committees from other bar associations throughout the country in securing the adoption of a code of professional ethics by the legal profession generally throughout the country.

President Williams's Speech.

President Williams's opening address dealt largely with the duty of the association in the forthcoming State election to see that men were not elected to the supreme bench of the State nor to the Judgeships of the District courts of Utah who are not qualified to fill such places. President Williams declared that present indications are that an effort will be made to land men on the District court and Supreme Court benches who have political pulls rather than any knowledge of law.

He touched briefly on the death of ex-Judge Justice M. W. Maloney, Thomas Maloney of Ogden, William W. Gee, A. B. Sawyer, Sidney W. Darke, Philip S. Maycock and Judge Christopher Reed. President Williams was emphatic in indorsing the move for the adoption by the Utah association of a code of professional ethics and advised the appointment of a committee to draw up the code.

Duty of Bar.

In discussing the coming judiciary election in Utah, President Williams advised that the by-law of the association providing for the appointment of a committee of ten members of the association to investigate the professional standing and fitness of all candidates for Judgeships in the State be put into effect this year. Speaking further along this subject, he said:
The election of judges by a popular vote, and particularly upon party platforms, is not a perfect one by any means; but on the contrary, is from many points of view, seriously objectionable. Perfection, however, does not belong to human institutions, and, as remarked in my last annual address, our people are strongly attached to the election of all its officers

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE SENT TO COUNCIL

City's Chief Executive Also Submits a Big Batch of Appointments.

PARK BOARD MEMBERSHIP COMPLETED BY THE MAYOR

City Auditor and Recorder Withhold Appointments; Routine Business.

Superintendent of Waterworks—Thomas Hobday.

Oil Inspector and Auditor of Weights and Measures—J. D. Beasley.
Building Inspector—A. B. Hirth.
Humane Officer—A. S. Kendall.
Plumbing Inspector—J. W. Farrell.
Board of Public Works—H. G. McMillan, chairman; Charles D. Rookledge, William J. Maloran, C. P. Brooks, S. M. Barlow.
Board of Park Commissioners—A. F. Wey, J. E. McGinty, C. H. Griffiths, Hubert M. Wells and Richard P. Morris.

At its first real business session the City Council was greeted Monday evening by the largest attendance that has been seen in the chamber for many months. The attendance even was greater than that at the outgoing of the old Council and the incoming of the new body, one week ago.

During the early part of the session the room was crowded to such an extent that many were unable to secure seats, and the ante rooms also were crowded. The jam was occasioned by the fact that the Mayor's message was to be presented and a number of appointments submitted. The Mayor's message was the first document read under the head of reports of city officers, and was listened to with close attention. It was referred to the Committee on Enrollment, and will be found in full on another page.

Much interest also centered about the appointment of heads of departments. Mayor Bransford, in the matter, established a new rule, in that he only announced appointments of heads of departments where changes were made. It is understood, though, that one, and possibly two appointments are still under consideration. As all appointments are until their successors are appointed and qualified, this action of the Mayor will not affect the departments. Upon the confirmation of the appointees, as given above, the vote was as follows:
Yeas—Black, Cowburn, Forstrom, Hodgson, Hall, Martin, Raymond, Reddell, Stewart, Wood and Davis—11.
Nays—Murdoch—1.
Absent—Ferry, Holley and O'Donnell—3.

Appointments Withheld.

It was expected that City Auditor Aiff and City Recorder Moreton would announce the resignations of office forces, but the appointments were withheld. In the case of Auditor Aiff, it is understood that a question has arisen between Mr. Aiff and the Council as to one very important appointment, and that no announcement will be taken until this appointment is mutually agreed upon.

Several changes, as a result of the new system of bookkeeping, were noticed Monday evening. It was announced that hereafter requisitions from the city officers and heads of departments would first go to the Committee on Finance, and there is no longer an appropriation list. Hereafter appropriations go on the "authorized list of expenditures."

Mayor Bransford has announced, in connection with H. G. McMillan as chairman of the Board of Public Works, to succeed Fred J. Leonard, that Mr. Leonard told him some time ago that he could not afford to hold the position longer at a salary of \$500 a year, and that he tendered his resignation for that reason. Later Mr. Leonard testified that he had written, Mayor Bransford advised that Mr. Leonard had done excellent work, and that he appreciated it.

The changes made in the heads of departments are as follows: Superintendent of Waterworks, Thomas Hobday, in place of Frank L. Hines; Oil Inspector and Sealer of Weights and Measures, J. D. Beasley, in place of H. B. Brough; Building Inspector, A. B. Hirth, in place of B. W. Gamble; Humane Officer, A. S. Kendall, in place of T. A. Herlinger; Plumbing Inspector, J. W. Farrell, in place of W. H. Buckholdt; Board of Public Works, H. G. McMillan, in place of Fred J. Leonard, resigned.

At the conclusion of the session the Council took a recess until Thursday evening, at which meeting the pay rolls will be approved, after which the committees will meet.

City's Representative.

Following the usual custom, Mayor Bransford named City Engineer Kelsey as the representative of the city in connection with the water agreements between Salt Lake City, the owners of water in Parley's creek, the Big Cottonwood Lower Canal company, the Big Ditch Irrigation company and William H. Park and others. Approved.
Auditor Aiff submitted the following estimates from the Board of Public Works: S. Birch, sidewalks, \$159.25; Hawley & Ritchie, Wasatch drive, \$261.58; J. D. Hawley, sidewalks, \$1424.73; J. W. Percival, water mains,